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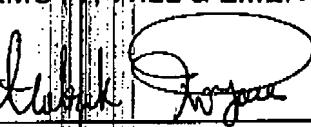
REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested to include the above-amended claims prior to the examination of the application. Claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 16-21, 23, and 25-29 have been amended to more clearly define the subject matter of the invention or to remove certain compounds for which protection will not be sought. These amendments do not raise new issues.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 16, 18-21, 23, and 26-29 have been amended to include specific reduced Isoalpha acids previously recited in claims 2 and 17. The reference to hops has also been removed from the amended claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 16, 18-21, 23, and 26-29 because although reduced isoalpha acids, tetra-hydroisoalpha acids, and hexa-hydroisoalpha acids could be derived from hops, the disclosure as filed clearly states, on pages 8-9, paragraph 32, that such "derivatives can include compounds obtained via a chemical reaction." Claims 2 and 17 have been amended to include the reference to hops previously recited in claims 1 and 16. Applicants, therefore, aver that these claims as currently amended are fully supported by the subject matter already disclosed within the specification as filed and that no new matter has been added. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

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